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Dear Dr. Manis

Ref:

Your letter, February 26, 2001

Subject: Audit report for Finland, September 18 - October 3, 2000

We hereby announce that the deficiencies detected during the USDA mission to Finland in 2000 have been rectified. Additional training was given to official veterinarians and provincial veterinary officers supervising establishments eligible for export to the USA in February 2001. The training included the special requirements on USA approved establishments and their supervisors, especially PR/HACCP. Furthermore, a letter was sent to USDA confirming that each lot of meat product would be tested for species identification before shipment to the USA.

Yours sincerely

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